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H.R. 3580, AMERICA'S FOCUS ACT OF 2013

Increasingly, the United States faces competition from heavily populated countries whose billion-plus inhabitants contribute to their human capital and economic growth. If we are to retain our global leadership position, the United States, with a population of approximately 317 million, must see that every American realizes their full potential, that every American is able to participate in this global competition. *This should be our aim. This should be our focus.*

America's FOCUS (Fund for Future Opportunities and Outcomes in the United States) Act of 2013:

- •Establishes the America's FOCUS Fund within the Department of Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to deposit all corporate fines, penalties, and settlements in the Fund. Revenue that would otherwise be deposited in the Crime Victims Fund will not be deposited in the America's FOCUS Fund.
- •Reserves 33% of Revenue in the Fund for Investments in STEM Education and Youth Mentoring. America's FOCUS Act authorizes state and local governments and the Secretary of Education, in conjunction with the Federal Mentoring Council and NASA's Office of Education, to issue grants to non-profits with evidence-based programs in STEM and mentoring.
- •Reserves 33% of Revenue in the Fund for Justice Reinvestment. This legislation provides greater funding to state and local governments seeking to implement justice reinvestment strategies through the DOJ's Justice Reinvestment Initiative. The legislation reserves 25% of this funding for justice reinvestment at the federal level and another 25% for programs authorized by the Second Chance Act.
- •Reserves 33% of Revenue for Innovations in Medical Research. America's FOCUS Act permits the Director of the National Institutes of Health to award grants and prizes to entities seeking innovations for cures and treatments to disease.
- •Reduces the National Debt. America's FOCUS Act uses the remaining revenue to provide an additional funding source for paying down the debt and encouraging economic growth.
- •Costs Nothing. As the revenue deposited in the Fund is from corporate fines, penalties, and settlements, there is no additional cost to the American taxpayer for these investments.

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